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Sacramento, California 95814Main website: www.energy.ca.gov**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Docket Number 03-AAER-1****NOTICE OF EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE'S PLANS FOR
APPLIANCE STANDARDS RULEMAKING**

On June 25, 2003, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) approved an Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding to consider amending its Appliance Efficiency Regulations. The order listed several types of appliances for which new or updated standards would be considered.

The Energy Efficiency Committee with Commissioner Robert Pernell, Presiding Member, and Commissioner Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Associate Member, was charged with conducting the rulemaking. The Committee held a workshop on May 27, 2003, to discuss potential appliance standards that would be addressed by this proceeding.

The Committee has decided to divide the rulemaking into at least two phases. The first phase will concern only water efficiency standards for residential clothes washers. Assembly Bill 1561 (AB 1561, Kelley, Chapter 421, Statutes of 2002) enacted Public Resources Code Section 25402(e)(1), which requires the Energy Commission to adopt, no later than January 1, 2004, a water efficiency standard for residential clothes washers that is at least as stringent as California's current water efficiency standard for commercial clothes washers. The standards for residential clothes washers would be effective for washers manufactured on or after January 1, 2007. The bill also requires the Energy Commission to petition the U.S. Department of Energy for an exemption from pre-emption of the California residential clothes washer water efficiency standards by federal appliance standards law. The Committee intends to begin the residential clothes washer rulemaking at the earliest possible date. The Committee plans to publish a Notice of Proposed Action for that proceeding in early September 2003.

The second phase of the rulemaking will address other appliances and equipment covered by the Order Instituting Rulemaking. This phase will begin after the Energy Commission adopts water efficiency standards for residential clothes washers. At that time the Committee will provide information regarding the scope and schedule of the second phase of the proceeding.

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